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1. The Luftnachrichtenschule in Halle was occupied between 27 April and 4 May 1950 by about 500 troops wearing the following colored epaulets: black-bordered red with tank insignia; black-bordered red with artillery insignia; black-bordered red with signal insignia; black-bordered red without branch-of-service insignia; black-bordered black; and blue-bordered black.
- German craftsmen made repairs on the barracks. It was learned on 27 May 1950 that air force troops with 21 bi-planes and 10 high-wing monoplanes had pitched tents in the area of the Luftnachrichtenschule on 4 May 1950. (3) Twenty-six T-34 tanks were seen in the barracks area.
2. The Kluever Kaserne in Halle was occupied by 200 to 300 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets without branch-of-service insignia. No training activity was observed.
3. The Reil Kaserne in Halle was occupied by an MVD unit of 700 to 800 men.
4. [REDACTED] the barracks were to be remodeled by a certain unknown date. It was said that units from Karlshorst would move into the Luftnachrichtenschule.

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25X1 [ ] the construction work in the Luftnachrichtenschule was to be completed by 15 May 1950. It was said that the High Command of the Soviet Occupation Army would move into the barracks at that time. (2)

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5. It was learned on 2 May 1950 that 2,000 workers were signed up by the Halle (M 52/D 92) labor office for construction work in the Luftnachrichtenschule. The laborers commute on special street cars and trucks. Signs lettered "Construction Office" point toward the barracks. Motor vehicles of the Luftnachrichtenschule, and of civilian contractors hauled rubble and construction material. Telephone lines were being laid. At a meeting of the SED (Socialist Unity Party) a functionary stated that the Luftnachrichtenschule would be occupied by an air force command from Karlshorst which was to provide technical aviation instruction for Volkspolizei units. (4) No work was observed at the airfield which could be interpreted as an indication that the airfield might be put into operation again. Three tents were set up in the southern part of the Brandenberge area.\* Excavating and leveling work was being done there. Construction work began on 24 or 25 April 1950. (2)

25X1 6. [ ] only rear echelon troops were stationed in the Fliegerhorst Kaserne while no rear echelon was seen in the Luftnachrichtenschule. Troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank and artillery insignia, black-bordered black epaulets and blue-bordered black epaulets were observed at Fliegerhorst Kaserne. The latter two categories belonged to units charged with the construction work.

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25X1 [ ] Seven soldiers wearing blue-bordered black epaulets were laying an underground cable. Ten soldiers erected poles along Saarbrueckerstrasse.

7. The Flak Kaserne in Moerwitz (Halle) was occupied by a rear unit of company strength. The ammunition dump had been dissolved.

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8. The Kluever Kaserne was occupied by about 200 troops. [ ]

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9. Eight trucks, coming from the north, arrived in Halle on 9 May 1950. Three were loaded with wooden sticks reinforced with iron toward the ends (apparently guy-line stakes). [redacted]

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[redacted] The troops on the trucks wore red-bordered black epaulets.

10. The Reil Kaserne was occupied by about 300 troops with red-bordered green epaulets. [redacted]

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[redacted] Comments.

- (1) The low troop strength observed in the barracks and the apparent comprehensive construction work in the former Luftnachrichtenschule indicates that most of the Halle units of the 21st Gds Weez Div went to the troop training grounds.

- (2) The construction work [redacted] was either to enlarge the present billeting capacity or to effect structural changes within the barracks. The construction work is possibly linked with rumors of a planned transfer to Halle of units, of perhaps a headquarters, from the Karlshorst area. It is considered possible that GHQ signal units of the GDFG may move into the former Heeres and Luftwaffennachrichtenschule, the facilities of which are especially suited for the accommodation of signal units. [redacted]

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[redacted] signal troops being loaded on two trains in this area [redacted] allegedly to go to Halle.

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[redacted] The signal troops were presumably GHQ units of the GDFG, [redacted]

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- (3) Only a small airforce unit with a few courier aircraft was stationed at the Halle-Nietleben airfield, according to previous reports. The statement that 30 aircraft were located there is extraordinary.

- (4) It is doubted that Halle Volkspolizei will receive instruction by an AF command from Karlshorst. [redacted]

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[redacted] Only newspaper dispatches occasionally pointed out Soviet intentions to this end.

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- \* [redacted] Comment: Neither the existence of this area nor the correct spelling of the name could be established by any available reference.

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